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Subject: Re: PCBs in Breast Milk at Portland Harbor
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Eric,

I agree that support from LWG in the area of community education and outreach is important. No matter what else happens in the harbor over the next decades, if people keep eating the wrong fish, their health is still at risk.

I just had a meeting with my colleagues here at Public Health centered around your comment. I want to hear your ideas on the feasibility of the following approach. We thought that we could recommend that LWG earmark some money in the form of a competitive grant. The grant should fund: 1- Identification of subsistence fishing populations (especially those where women of reproductive age are eating the fish), 2- Community-based outreach and education within those target populations on safe fish-eating practices and the health benefits of breastfeeding, and 3- Evaluation of the effectiveness of educational activities (i.e., are less people eating the fish, and are more mothers breastfeeding their babies?).

If I put this kind of recommendation into this breastfeeding letter, how much money do you think the LWG would consider? This type of community work would have to be funded for at least 4 years to be effective. It would require paying full or partial salaries of health educators and maybe part of salary within our office for oversight. The work we've already done has always been hampered by not enough money. If the LWG could see this type of community outreach as part of the remediation process, they may be more willing to fund it. What are your thoughts? How much could/should we ask for? How much are they used to paying for stuff? Millions of dollars? Would they consider \$1 million over 4 or 5 years?

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David, attached are my mark-ups on the letter. I think we need to attach the results of our analysis and develop a clearer set of recommendations. Also, Dana is asking around about how other sites have handled this pathway. I would like to wait and see if we get anything before sending this out.

Ultimately, I think we would be well served by getting some LWG support for enhanced education and outreach regarding subsistence fishing in the harbor and the benefits of breast feeding.

Thanks, Eric

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